



SATURDAY EVENING, MAR. 31, 1906.

As most of the bituminous coal burned in this vicinity comes from the Cumberland and West Virginia regions, the following paragraphs will be read with pleasure by the readers of the Gazette.

Cumberland, Md., March 30.—Although the general suspension order has been issued for the soft-coal fields, it is not thought it will affect work in the George's Creek region or the Upper Potomac region of West Virginia in the least, and a strike in either field would surprise almost every person in either locality.

Charleston, W. Va., March 30.—The miners of this section have been in session here for several days, waiting for developments at Indianapolis before holding a joint meeting with the operators. They adjourned today until Monday, with the understanding that they would keep at work until such time as a new scale is made or a final disagreement is reached.

It is understood that there will be no strike in Maryland, Virginia or West Virginia, as the men have no particular grievance. The men generally say that all they want is plenty of work and this they are getting.

STANDARD OIL interests are reported to have reinforced the wood alcohol men in resistance to the proposition to remove the tax from methyl alcohol used industrially. The measure, however, was reported favorably yesterday by the House ways and means committee. Cheap grain alcohol would remove all occasion for wood alcohol and decrease the consumption of gasoline. If taxes are to be imposed for the benefit of individual interests, says the Philadelphia Record, the distillers of wood and the petroleum men have some standing, but if taxes should be imposed only for public purposes the manufacturers of gasoline and methyl spirits would be made to understand that they had no business in Washington at this time. Removing the tax from grain alcohol used in the arts would not affect the revenues perceptibly because very little taxed spirit is now used by manufacturers.

JAMES CORTELYOU, nine years old, a nephew of Postmaster-General Cortelyou, died a day or two ago in Brooklyn, of what was diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning. It is said that the unfortunate child had eaten candy with poisonous coloring matter and had been taken sick a week before he died in agony. Attention has recently been called to suspicious cheap candy which is exposed for sale in all cities, and there is every reason to believe that some sold to unsuspecting children in Alexandria is deleterious to health, if not dangerous. There are many laws in the land regulating this and that traffic, and it would seem that one providing for the inspection of what is called candy is needed. Innocent children are often rendered sick by such stuff, and occasionally one dies.

A NEW YORK paper of yesterday contained a significant cartoon. An unfortunate individual, labeled "Consumer," had been placed in a huge vise with a double screw, one of which was being tightened by a miner and the other by an operator. This is always the fate of those who are compelled to buy any commodity when the producers of the same conclude to strike. But those who engage in such movements, as well as the many who sympathize with them, are always compelled to pay their quota of the cost of labor commotions. Every mechanic throughout the length and breadth of the land is destined to pay an additional price for coal, should the strike assume colossal proportions. It is to be regretted that the recent conference failed to bring about satisfactory conditions between the miners and operators.

THE national convention of united mine workers at Indianapolis yesterday voted to let the miners accept the 1903 wage scale when offered, thus averting a general strike. It is not expected that President Roosevelt will take any steps in the differences between miners and operators unless the situation develops more seriousness than at present. Pennsylvania bituminous coal men are confident that the strike will be only partial and of short duration. Many operators came to an agreement with their men. The ordering of a strike in the anthracite district was a surprise to mine operators in New York. The coal operators and coal miners always agree on one point—that the costs of controversy shall be saddled on the consuming public.

A WELL-KNOWN republican politician of Rockingham county has been arrested on a charge of stealing cattle. It is hoped he did not acquire his bad habits by stealing votes.

It is alleged that the greater part of the rifles which were seized recently from the Catalanian Carlists were of the type used by the American army. The Spanish government will address a friendly remonstrance to Washington in regard to this discovery.

From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.—Senate leaders hope that they may be able to reach, during the coming week, an agreement on a date for the vote on the railroad rate bill. Senator Bailey will return to Washington tonight or tomorrow. While he has been away no earnest attempt has been made to bring the rate discussion to a close. Senator Tillman has made suggestions to that effect but the republican leaders have preferred in this matter to deal with the Texas Senator. Now most of the leaders have been heard. So far as set speeches are concerned none have been scheduled definitely for next week. Some time during the next ten days, it is said that Senator Aldrich will deliver a carefully prepared speech on the practical, economic effect of the proposed railroad rate legislation. Senator Foster, one of the leading democrats on the interstate commerce committee, will also be heard and Senator LaFollette is understood to be preparing a speech. In the meantime conferences will be held among the opposing leaders and it is hoped to reach an agreement whereby a vote may be had sometime between the 16th and 20th of April. The conference committee on statehood will continue its sessions next week, meeting on Tuesday to consider the Senate amendment to the bill. The Panama canal hearings will continue with Gen. Davis on the stand again on Monday afternoon. Sometime during the week the closing arguments in the case of Senator Reed Smoot will be made before the committee on privileges and elections by Attorneys Carlisle and Worthington. In the House, Monday will be devoted to the transaction of business under a suspension of the rules. On Tuesday the bill extending the quarantine powers of the government in yellow fever epidemics will be disposed of. The remainder of the week beginning Wednesday will be given up to the postoffice appropriation bill, which contains a number of provisions that will be strongly contested, especially the provisions granting a subsidy for the carrying of the mails from Washington to New Orleans and from Kansas City to New Orleans.

President Roosevelt's determination to take no hand in the coal strike unless the condition of affairs approaches a national calamity is meeting with general approbation. The members of Congress from south of Mason and Dixon's line say he has taken the wisest course. "The President is not nearly as impulsive as he is used to be," commented one southern Congressman. "I'll bet he was just spoiling to get into the argument, but his better judgment prevailed." Certain of the President's out of town friends, however, are greatly stirred up because he does not plunge in and end the troubles in the mining districts at once. He could do it without half trying, they tell him in so many words, and he "owes it to the country" to do something. No answer has yet been sent by the President to the request for the appointment of a commission made by the operators, and it is not probable that they will be sent them until next week. The President wishes to give employer and employee every opportunity to settle their own differences.

Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian Canal Commission, Commissioner Cooley and Chief Examiner Kiggins of the Civil Service Commission, and H. Leon Pepperman, chief of the office force of the Canal Commission, will leave Washington this afternoon for Key West, Florida, where they will catch the canal steamer Finance Monday off the Florida Keys. They will visit the isthmus in order to arrange plans for the reorganization of the clerks and skilled operatives now working on the canal who come under the civil service rules. While on the isthmus Mr. Shonts will also go over the Panama Railroad trans-isthmian traffic situation with General Manager Schwerin of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

The President has appointed Frederick W. Whitridge, of New York, special ambassador to represent the United States at the wedding of the King of Spain.

Frederick Schatz, 39 years of age, living at 438 Ninth street, shot himself this morning in the right temple and died later at the Emergency Hospital. He had been drinking heavily and it is said was upbraided by his wife for his conduct.

Mr. Perry Belmont intends to make Washington his permanent home and has bought the triangle at New Hampshire avenue, Seventeenth and R streets, upon which he will build a handsome residence.

The President today pardoned John W. Pace, convicted in the federal courts of Alabama, of peonage and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment at Atlanta, Georgia. It had been shown that further confinement would probably result in Pace's death, his health being precarious.

Secretary Bonaparte today delivered diplomas to twenty-one graduates of the U. S. Naval Medical School. Mr. Bonaparte addressed the future surgeons on the high calling which they have selected, and asserted that to the medical men on shipboard some of the greatest opportunities of the naval service are presented in peace as well as war.

Dr. J. L. Finney, of John Hopkins University, of Baltimore, and other physicians addressed the class.

Congressman Wadsworth of New York after a call on the President this morning announced that John A. Merritt, of Lockport, New York, at present postmaster in this city, will be appointed collector of customs at Niagara Falls, New York, to succeed the late Major Low.

Thomas E. Waggaman, formerly treasurer of the Catholic University, is reported to be in a critical condition at his temporary home in Anne Arundel county, Md.

This was another bad day for the races at Benning, rain falling throughout the entire day; still, for such weather, the attendance was good.

University Safe Dynamited.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Professional burglars dynamited the safe in the University of Virginia postoffice at 3 o'clock this morning, but only secured booty to the amount of three hundred dollars. The safe was completely wrecked. The burglars had ample time to get away on early morning trains.

Two Brothers Asphyxiated.

New York, March 31.—Carmine Maugue, 49 years of age, and his brother Sabato, 38 years of age, were found dead in bed at their home, 421 East 121st street, this morning. The gas had been left turned on supposedly by accident.

News of the Day.

Gen. Luke E. Wright in Washington yesterday took the oath of office as Ambassador to Japan.

The Senate conferees have agreed to the House anti-bazing bill, with two slight amendments.

Preparations for the coal strike and to prevent possible disorder are being made in a number of places.

It is stated again that Russian Premier Witte has sent his resignation to the Emperor, giving ill health as his reason.

Midshipman Minor Merriwether, jr., has left the Naval Academy, having been officially notified that his resignation was accepted.

Mr. Howard Wolf, aged 21 years, of Baltimore who is suffering with astromyelia, has undergone operations 28 times in the past 16 years.

Secretary Root asks for an appropriation of \$50,000 for American representatives at the second peace conference called by the Czar of Russia.

After striking out the provision for retirement of clerks at 70 years of age, the House yesterday passed the legislative appropriation bill, carrying about \$30,000,000.

The Standard Oil Company has advanced the price of all grades of gasoline and naphtha, the new quotations ranging from 4 to 14 cents per gallon higher than former prices.

Driven to cannibalism by starvation, members of the Yukshir tribe, on the Chukchei Peninsula, at the extremity of Asia, have been eating the bodies of their own children or others of their families who died of starvation. Others killed the members of their families and committed suicide.

A bill was yesterday introduced by Representative Heflin, of Alabama, to compel street railway companies in Washington to provide and operate separate street cars for negro passengers and to make it unlawful for street car companies to allow white and negro passengers to ride in the same car, under a fine of \$100 for each offense.

The House committee on ways and means yesterday decided to report favorably the Payne bill providing for the withdrawal from bond, tax free, of domestic alcohol when rendered unfit for use as a beverage or for liquid medicinal uses. This process is accomplished by mixture with suitable denaturing materials. The decision was almost unanimous, the committee vote standing 16 to 2 in favor of urging the House to pass the bill.

That two of the prominent Presbyterian churches of Washington—the New York avenue and the Assembly—now consolidate, making one of the largest churches of that denomination in the world, is a probability of the near future. The presbytery of the Assembly Church has already by a vote of 71 to 21 expressed itself in favor of a resolution uniting the two congregations, and it is expected that the presbytery of the New York Avenue Church will ratify the vote at a meeting to be held next Thursday night. If the churches are merged it is believed Justice Harlan will take charge of the raising of a fund for a Presbyterian cathedral.

Fifty-ninth Congress.

Washington, March 31.

SENATE.

The Senate was not in session today, having adjourned Thursday until Monday.

HOUSE.

Republican floor leader Payne, of New York, the arch enemy of all claim measures, was successful in getting the House into a legislative tangle when it met today to consider bills reported from the committee on war claims. He held that a claims bill on the private calendar should be placed on the union calendar. He was successful in keeping the debate on the proposition going for over an hour, to the exclusion of all claims bills.

Methodist Conference.

At yesterday's session in Baltimore of the Baltimore conference of the M. E. Church the committee on resolutions approved the action of the interconference commission on the admission of the Alexandria district of the dispersed Virginia conference, but recommended that no new presiding eldership be created.

The session was devoted mainly to the examination of 16 candidates for the ministry. The ministers also pledged themselves to raise \$50,000 for the fund to lift the debt on the Woman's College.

The time limit will not be changed by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now in session in Cumberland. It was recommended that the time be extended to six years, but the committee, it is stated, will not make any such recommendation. Many ministers are in favor of abolishing it altogether, and a lively discussion along that line is anticipated.

A number of candidates were examined for admission to the conference.

Rev. Frank Jenkins, of Goldsboro, Md.; Rev. George R. Fringer, of Talbot circuit, Md.; Rev. Lewis L. Lowance, of Hot Springs, W. Va.; Edward W. Brubaker, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.; W. D. Eye and James B. Hedrick were ordained deacons and admitted to the third class. James H. Haley, of Ellisburg, Va.; Lewis S. Radisill, of Roanoke, Va.; S. K. Cockrell, of Manassas, Va.; William D. King, of Cloverdale, Va.; James P. Huffman, of Frostburg, Md.; John W. Smith, of Fairfax, Va.; C. M. Hesser, of Gardenville, Md.; J. W. Baltus, of Frederick, Md., were ordained elders.

A Chicago Alderman Owes His Election to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for affections of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Stenick, 220 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right on talking through the campaign, and I thank this medicine that I won my seat in the Council." This remedy is for sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

Virginia News.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad is acquiring a large stock of coal at Richmond in preparation for a possible coal strike.

Samuel B. Allebaugh, formerly Sheriff of Rockingham county and one of the leading citizens of that section, died yesterday at his home at Lacey Springs.

Ordway Puller, member of the legislature from Richmond, denounces the legislative investigating committee which used his name in connection with the bill irregularities.

Capt. Edwin Nelson, of Manassas, was operated on by Drs. W. A. Newman and B. F. Iden Thursday night for strangulated hernia and for several hours no hopes were entertained of his recovery, but he has rallied somewhat and a more hopeful view is entertained.

John H. Mace, a well-known farmer of the Port Republic neighborhood and a prominent republican politician, is out on bail on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing two cattle from Thomas R. Messick while they were grazing on the mountains near East Rockingham last season.

The Richmond city democratic committee at a stormy session of nearly three hours last night decided by a vote of 13 to 12 to continue to admit democratic representatives of the press to its meetings, and adopted the new rules, requiring the various ward superintendents to name primary election officers (other than registrars) without reference to the appointees of the electoral board.

The Portsmouth city councils have unanimously voted an investigation to uncover the identity of those members of the body whom Senator Clark Benton said favored the amendment "snaked" into the bill providing for the issue of bonds to establish an independent municipal waterworks systems. The amendment would have made it impossible to sell the half millions of bonds provided for the purpose.

While suffering from melancholia Mrs. Frank T. Plummer yesterday afternoon shot herself in the right temple with a pistol at the residence of her sister, Mrs. H. N. Marks, in Petersburg, where she was spending the day. She died two hours afterward. Mrs. Plummer had been complaining for some days, but her condition was not thought at all serious. She was the daughter of Mrs. Sallie Warwick, of Petersburg, and had been married only a few months. There had been nothing to mar the married life of the young couple.

Mr. Clements' Record.

Mr. James E. Clements, who was on Wednesday unanimously elected superintendent of public schools of Alexandria county by the Board of Education, qualified today and at once entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Clements is a native of Maryland and attended the public schools until 1870, when he entered St. John's Academy, an academic and military school at Alexandria, from which he graduated in 1873, at the head of his class, also holding the position as president of the "Patrick Henry Debating Society," being the senior debating society of the school.

Having also been first appointed sergeant, he was successively promoted from sergeant to lieutenant and then to captain of his company in the military department of the institution.

He then attended the Spencerian Business College, of Washington, for two sessions, during the latter part of which he received an appointment as principal of the public school at Ballston, in Alexandria county, where he taught for several years, taking up the study of law. He then entered the law department of Georgetown University, from which he graduated in 1881 with degree of Bachelor of Laws, holding the position at the time of his graduation as first vice-president and also chairman of the executive committee of his class. One year from his graduation from the Georgetown University he was elected on the democratic ticket Commonwealth's Attorney, or prosecuting attorney of Alexandria county, and was successively elected for eight years, when he was appointed Superintendent of Public Schools of his county, which position he held for eight years, and being a strong advocate of public schools, by his industry and indefatigable energy and efforts greatly improved the school system of his county and caused some of the handsomest and most modern school buildings to be constructed in that county to be found anywhere in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is an enthusiast on large and pretty school houses, and in favor of teachers holding first-class certificates. Mr. Clements says he expects to make the public schools of his county among the finest in the eighth congressional district in Virginia—in which Alexandria county is situated.

Mr. Clements is a resident of Alexandria county, and owns considerable real estate in that county. He is a widower, 49 years of age, with one daughter, Miss Ruth Sypher Clements, who, although quite young, has won many prizes, and has considerable reputation as a painter and artist. She is now preparing several paintings for the Virginia Art Exhibit, at the coming Jamestown Exposition.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "Mr. Clements was represented before the Board of Education by a delegation of Messrs. Curtis B. Graham, Attorney R. C. L. Moncure, R. Henry Phillips, A. Davis, jr., H. W. Fields and H. Collins, of Alexandria county, and Honorable Samuel G. Brent, of Alexandria city, who brought with them strong letters and petitions representing over 90 per cent. of the citizens of Alexandria county."

Well Worth Trying.

W. H. Brown, the popular pension attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., says, "Next to a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills." He writes: "They keep my family in splendid health. Catarrh being a headache, Constipation and Biliousness 25c. Guaranteed at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons drug store."

\$100 Reward.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its curative work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Preparing for the Strike.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—The last of the miners' delegates left for their homes this morning to prepare for the coal strike to begin at midnight Sunday. The majority of the delegates were in good spirits over the adjournment of the United Mine Workers' convention last night after adopting the Perry resolution, thereby agreeing to sign contracts with individual operators in any bituminous districts.

A resolution passed the national convention gives local boards discretionary powers over details of the strike and in scale settlements.

Mahanoy City, Pa., March 31.—Fifty per cent. of the miners in the Mahanoy Valley did not report for work today, and as a result a number of collieries are badly crippled. Several suspended at noon. Carpenters on repair work at the breakers, although they have permits from the union to continue work after today, have decided to observe the suspension order of President Mitchell.

New York, March 31.—Official denial is made today of the report from Scranton that it is the purpose of the anthracite operators to meet the miners on Tuesday and inform that unless the order calling the men out is rescinded, they will refuse to negotiate the differences in the hard coal region.

Murder and Suicide.

New York, March 31.—Flushed with drink and insanely jealous because his sweetheart, whom he had lured to this country from Ireland on the promise of marriage, had left him and taken up her abode with Joseph Black, at 229 east Sixty-third street, James Ahearn, a cab man, went to the home of Black early today and shot the latter. He then secreted himself in the house and after the police had made an unsuccessful search to find him, and had departed, he came forth and shot Black dead. The girl then appeared on the scene, and seeing Ahearn started to run, but a bullet in the back sent her to the floor mortally wounded. Ahearn then placed the revolver in his mouth and fired. When the police came they sent the girl and Ahearn to the Presbyterian hospital where Ahearn died later. The girl cannot recover. About eight years ago Ahearn brought Margaret Wood here from Ireland. When she landed here it was with the understanding that she was to be Ahearn's wife. She had known him in Ireland and had trusted him. Instead of making her his wife, Ahearn made her his slave and caused her to work for him. Recently Miss Wood became tired of Ahearn's abuse and made Black, who was an elderly man, her confidant, and went to live in his home. This aroused Ahearn's anger and led to the tragedy.

Trouble in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., March 31.—Winnipeg is practically under martial law and soldiers are guarding the streets in an endeavor to quell the disorders attendant upon the street car strike. Mobs paraded the streets late yesterday and made an attack on a street car and the crew. A platoon of regulars had to chase the mob with fixed bayonets before they were dispersed. The guns of the regulars were loaded, but no shots were fired. Mayor Sharpe read the riot act to the crowd, which jeered him for his stand for order. Two detectives mistook Mayor Sharpe and the city solicitor for trouble-makers and attacked them. The detectives were arrested. Main street is being patrolled today by a squadron of the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles. Half a dozen cars were operated yesterday, but officials of the road ordered them to stop running after nightfall.

American Life Insurance Companies.

London, March 31.—The Saturday Review in its issue today expresses doubt as to the utility of any action on the part of the Parliament seeking to secure financial guarantees from American life insurance companies which will adequately protect British policyholders in such concerns. The paper offers a suggestion that the policyholders in the three principal American life companies should combine and open one independent office here under the direction of D. C. Haldeman, who resigned recently as the head of the British department of the Mutual Life. Such a company, the paper declares, would command universal confidence throughout this country and could scarcely fail of success.

Complaint From Japan.

Birmingham, Eng., March 31.—The Post states that Japan has complained to Russia at the delay which has occurred in removing the Russian troops from Manchuria since the recent war. China is supporting the complaint made by Japan, as it is asserted the Russian troops are without available military supplies and so have been living off of the natives. Russia has undertaken to hasten their removal of her soldiers and it is expected that the withdrawal of troops from the districts in question will be completed by the end of May.

Collapse of a Wall.

Yonkers, N. Y., March 31.—A portion of the retaining wall of the old Croton aqueduct, which had become loosened by the rain and soft earth, collapsed early this morning and crashed through the rear walls of three 3-story frame tenements on Garden street. There were nine families consisting of 64 persons in the tenements at the time and that no one was injured is considered miraculous. Fortunately there were no fires lighted in any of the tenements.

Witte Resigns Weekly.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—Your correspondent learns that Count Witte resigns his portfolio at least twice weekly, whenever he wants the Czar to move forward, but is only feigning, demonstrating to the Czar that Russia needs him badly. The Czar invariably declines to accept the Count's resignation. It is believed here that this is the most reliable version of the oft-reported rumor that "Premier Witte resigns."

Agreement Reached.

London, March 31.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Algiers says that a complete agreement on all questions, in accordance with the decision of the committee which has charge of the preliminary work in discussing the disputed points at the International Conference on Moroccan affairs, will be reached at the preliminary meeting of the conference to be held this afternoon.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

Fewer gallons; takes less of Devco Lead and Zinc than most paints. Wears longer; twice as long as lead and oil.

Senator Foraker and Railroad Rates.

Columbus Ohio, March 31.—On March 30 the legislature adopted a resolution calling on the Ohio Senators and Representatives in Congress to support President Roosevelt's railroad rate policy. Today Senator Foraker's reply to that request was received. The Senator says that the President wants the Interstate Commerce Commission to have the power to substitute a reasonable for an unreasonable rate "subject to judicial review"—quoting the President's message and Secretary of War Taft's utterances on the subject. This judicial review he says, is denied by the Hepburn bill, which he says denounces as unconstitutional and ineffective.

"But assuming that the Hepburn bill in some form will be passed and become a law," he continues, "I shall consider it my duty to do all in my power to make it constitutional, workable and effective measure." That duty, he says, has been made free from all embarrassment to him by the passing by the Ohio legislature of a measure creating a railroad commission, empowered to fix railway rates, so amended as to provide for a full and complete review in the courts of the orders of the commission. "In view of your action," says the Senator, "I feel confirmed in the opinion that it is my duty to insist upon such amendments to the Hepburn bill." In conclusion the Senator congratulates the legislature and the people of Ohio for having thus "fittingly rebuked the sentiment that would, if possible, excite distrust of the courts, destroy their usefulness, and debar them their appropriate participation in the settlement of the great and far reaching questions which legislation of this character must precipitate."

The French Miners' Strike.

Lens, France, March 31.—The strike agitation among the coal miners has greatly increased. Strikers are now patrolling the entire district trying to intercept the men who have stuck to their work. Numerous clashes have occurred between the strikers and non-strikers or the strikers and the police. A serious collision occurred at the Lievin mine between the strikers and non-strikers, and it was necessary to call out troops. Several persons were wounded in the melee.

Note from Finland.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The Finnish Senate has sent a note to the emperor, in which the hope is expressed that the policy which the Russian government declared toward Finland last November would not be changed. The sending of this note was caused by rumors of returning reaction. The policy mentioned was the granting of many reforms to the Finns, one of which practically gave them self-government.

To Increase German Prestige.

Berlin, March 31.—The German warship Falke has been dispatched for a cruise along the western coast of South America. The purpose of the cruise is to display the German flag in ports along the coast, and thus increase the prestige of Germany in that part of the world.

New York Stock Market.

New York, March 31.—There was an irregular movement in the stock market in the early trading, which was followed by impressive buying of Union Pacific, the Hill stocks and the steel issues. At the same time buying orders on a limited scale appeared in a number of other shares. London did little and foreign brokers ceased calling soon after the opening.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

James H. Breslin, one of the most widely known hotel men in this country, died in the Hotel Walcott, New York, today. The deceased was at one time proprietor of Willard's Hotel, Washington.

The business quarter of Sydney, N. S. W., has been badly damaged by fire, which spread through an entire block of shops and factories and burned one hotel. The damage is estimated at about a million dollars.

The Bridgewater, Conn., local postoffice was entered by burglars early this morning and over \$5,000 worth of stamps and a quantity of registered letters were stolen. The total loss is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The burglars escaped.

The carpenters and joiners' union of Hazleton, Pa., decided last evening to strike Monday next because the builders refuse to sign a new scale, calling for 34 cents per hour. The men are now paid 30 cents. Three hundred men are affected.

The M. d. d. newspapers state that the government has received 12,000 applications from persons seeking employment of military service in the Philippines as the result of the reports which were printed recently to the effect that public sentiment in the United States favored returning the archipelago to Spain.

The steamer Bostonian, of the Leyland line, commanded by Captain Harry, bound from Boston to Manchester, England, collided with a powder bulk while proceeding up the Mersey. Fortunately there was no explosion, but the powder bulk was seriously damaged. Considerable alarm was caused by the collision.

A dispatch from Panama says that President Amador's cabinet has suppressed the English classes in the Panama school in order to divert the state funds to the support of the German institute professors contracted for through the German government. Mr. Hoffman, the new school principal, has arrived at Panama.

Three men were seriously injured, one fatally, and six others were slightly hurt in an explosion of dynamite in shaft B of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, at Forty-second street and East river, New York, shortly before eight o'clock this morning.

Two daring burglars early this morning dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Bridgeport, N. J., securing \$300 in cash and stamps and made good their escape in a stolen wagon.

The Coal Strike.

Although a strike of all the union miners of both the hard and soft coal regions of the United States whose scales expire today, has been ordered for Monday, further developments make it possible that a prolonged labor struggle will not take place. President John Mitchell, of the United Mineworkers of America, received a telegram from Geo. F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading, in answer to a telegram sent by Mr. Mitchell agreeing on behalf of the anthracite operators to a joint conference between the anthracite mineowners and the miners' committee on next Tuesday in New York city. In the bituminous region the strike which has been ordered will be only partial, as the mineowners before adjourning today passed a resolution authorizing any national district officer to sign wage agreements with any coal operator who will pay the scale of 1903, or its equivalent, for two years.

If you have used Witch Hazel Salve without being relieved it is probable that you got out of one of the many worthless counterfeits that are sold on the reputation of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.

Archbishop Ireland.

The Pope yesterday received Archbishop Ireland in his own private library, greeting him most affably and offered him a seat at the next desk. He conversed with the American prelate for half an hour. Afterward the Archbishop acted as interpreter during the Pope's audience to Bishop McGillick. Archbishop Ireland also presented to the Pope Rev. A. McNulty, pastor of St. Luke's Church, St. Paul, Minn. The Pope evinced special interest in American ecclesiastical affairs. He expressed a desire to see Archbishop Ireland often during the latter's sojourn in Rome.

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